

We're **CART**agious Greensheet

Capital Area Recycling and Trash Newsletter
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Virg Bernero, Mayor



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CAPITAL AREA RECYCLING AND TRASH
www.lansingrecycles.com



The City of Lansing has provided convenient, affordable services to Lansing residents for over 100 years!



 *is on a roll and making recycling easier!*

Soon Lansing residents will get a large rollout cart with a hinged lid to use instead of the small green bins, making it easier than ever before to recycle. Due to the large cart size, the collection will change from weekly to bi-weekly pick up allowing for greater collection efficiencies.

We had a record year for recycling in 2012, over 3,400 tons of material were recycled in Lansing. We expect to double that amount once residents start using the carts.

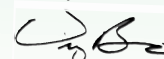
The environmental benefits are huge! The more we recycle, the more natural resources like trees, water and gasoline are saved. Recycling is also good for the economy, as more jobs are created through the recycling of materials vs. landfilling materials.



Message from Mayor Virg Bernero

We are looking forward to distributing recycling carts to all single family homes in the City of Lansing this summer. Having tested the carts out in two neighborhoods, we know that most people prefer carts and tend to recycle more using them. Most households will realize if they are recycling everything they can, they will easily reduce the amount of trash they put out. We know how important recycling is for the environment. It's also good for the economy and for the City of Lansing. If everyone participates, we know we can meet our goal of recycling 7000 tons in the first full year of the cart program!

Sincerely,



Virg Bernero
Mayor of Lansing

Thank you for your support!

Notification will be mailed out soon providing additional information about when the new carts will be delivered and when the switch to bi-weekly pick up will occur. Watch your mailbox for more information.



CART Hotline: (517) 483-4400
E-Mail: recycle@lansingmi.gov
Website: www.lansingrecycles.com

Residential Guide to Single-Stream Recycling



File folders, office paper
& gift wrapping paper

#1-#2 and #4-7 Plastic containers
(no Styrofoam)

Newspapers, magazines,
brochures & inserts



Cartons



Paperboard boxes
(cereal, pasta & tissue)



Corrugated cardboard &
Paper bags



Phone books



Greeting cards, regular &
junk mail



Glass bottles
& jars
(all colors)



Bulky Rigid Plastic
(buckets, chairs, toys)



Aluminum &
metal cans



Household scrap
metal



NO

- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam containers
- Wire hangers
- Window panes, mirrors, ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- Organic material and food waste
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleansers
- Waxed cardboard
- Needles or syringes
- #3 Plastics

NO NEED TO REMOVE:

Paper clips, stamps,
address labels, staples,
metal fasteners,
cellophane address
windows, rubber bands,
spiral bindings, plastic tabs

For all cardboard boxes, please
flatten and cut down to 2' x 2' pieces.
Empty and rinse all containers

**Please follow these guidelines
and set your bin out by 7:00 AM.**



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Recycling & Yard Waste Information



Place all items at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day. Containers must be off the curb by 7 p.m. Bags, cart, or bundles must not exceed 30 lbs. and must be visible from the street. Separate recyclable materials and yard waste from trash. Recyclables must be set out with green recycling cart.

Recycling is Easy!

Now place many of your recyclables in the same bin. See the “*Residential Guide to Single-Stream Recycling*” in this newsletter for details.



Please refer to the following detailed list of acceptable materials:

Glass:

Transparent and translucent food and beverage bottles and containers. Paper labels are acceptable as are rings and lids on glass containers. All colors of glass are accepted.

Corrugated Cardboard and Paper Bags:

Flatten and cut down to 2' x 2'. Can be damp but not soaked. Pizza boxes free of food are acceptable. Wax-coated old corrugated containers are not acceptable.

Boxboard:

Commonly used in dry food and cereal boxes, shoe boxes, and other similar packaging.

Tin/Steel Cans:

Food and beverage containers, paper labels are acceptable.

Aluminum:

Used beverage containers and foil clean of food.

Household Scrap Metal:

Including metal pots and pans, metal trays, metal bakeware, toasters, metal utensils, etc. NO METAL HANGERS.

Household Plastic Containers:

#1, #2 and #4 through #7 - excluding Styrofoam and #3 PVC.

Bulky Rigid Plastics:

Including buckets, crates, toys, trays, furniture, barrels, etc.

Cartons:

Including milk and juice cartons (a.k.a. aseptic containers).

Paper:

Includes office paper, household writing paper, post-its, all residential mail including envelopes (manila and regular), copier paper, note pad paper, loose leaf fillers, computer paper (continuous-form perforated white bond or green-bar paper), shredded office paper placed in clear plastic bags, file folders, and card stock.

Newspapers: Including inserts.

Magazines: Including catalogues, glossy flyers or mailers.

Telephone books

Clean Gift Wrapping Paper: no bows or ribbons.

Yard Waste (April - November)



Place leaves, grass clippings, etc. on the curbside in paper bags on your normal collection day.

Don't use City of Lansing trash bags, blue carts or private waste hauler carts for yard clippings.

Paper lawn care bags are available at most grocery & hardware stores.

Brush and tree trimmings must be less than 4 feet in length and less than 2 inches in diameter. Bundle securely with string or twine, or place in paper bags. NO wire.

Trash Disposal Information



Place all items at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Containers must be off the curb by 7:00 p.m. Bags of trash must not exceed 30 pounds and must be visible from the street. Separate recyclable materials and yard waste from trash. Guidelines on pages 2 and 3.

NO hazardous waste, herbicide, pesticides, wet paint, ash or coals, gasoline, or other explosive materials. Double bag animal waste and diapers. Properly dispose of needles and lancets by placing in plastic bottle or other rigid container before putting into household trash.

Did you know that the City of Lansing has provided trash collection services for 100 years? This makes us the leader in convenient and affordable weekly curbside pickup. Our range of services and multiple cart sizes are sure to meet the needs of any size household.

Get signed up today with a quick phone call to 483-4400.

Blue Trash Cart Service

These convenient and strong roll-out carts are for trash only. All trash in the carts must be bagged. Bagging trash will help keep carts clean and minimize odors.

Front door pick up is available. Call 483-4400 for details.



Select the cart size that suits your needs:

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| 32 -gallon cart | 65-gallon cart | 95-gallon cart |
| \$40 for 3 months | \$45 for 3 months | \$51 for 3 months |

Prices subject to change.

Pre-paid service is billed quarterly with 3 convenient ways to pay:

By Phone

Call 483-4400



By Mail:

Send check or money order to:
City of Lansing, CART
601 E. South Street
Lansing, MI 48910

In Person:

City of Lansing,
Treasurer's Office –
1st floor of City Hall

Blue City Trash Bags

Blue bags are available at many local grocery and convenience stores at a cost of \$8.75 for a package of five 30-gallon bags (prices subject to change).

Visit www.lansingrecycles.com for complete list of locations.



Bulk Trash Items

Large items over 30 pounds and longer than 4 feet, such as appliances or furniture, require a bulk collection sticker. Each individual item must be tagged.

Stickers are available at courtesy desks of many local grocery stores for \$33.00 per sticker (*prices subject to change*).

Call the CART Hotline at 483-4400 for a list of stores selling bulk-item stickers. Free bulk stickers are available to low income residents. Call 483-4400 for details.

Note: Refrigerator and freezer doors MUST be removed.



Hazardous Waste

The Ingham County Health Department collects household hazardous waste, such as pesticides, chemicals and oil-based paints every Thursday from 2-6 p.m., May – September.



Unwanted medicines, including prescription or over-the-counter, are also accepted at this site. Controlled substances and vitamins/minerals are not accepted. Pills or capsules must be taken out of bottles or blister packs and placed in a sealable bag. Individual prescriptions can be mixed together in one bag. Liquids can stay in the original container. Personal information must be removed or blacked out. Call 887-4521 for more info.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

Double bag CFLs in sealable plastic bags and drop off at any of the following locations:

- Board of Water and Light Customer Service Center
1232 Haco Drive
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., M-F
- Any Home Depot Store
- Ingham County Hazardous Waste Collection
- Visit www.recyclethatcfl.com for additional locations



Holidays & Important Dates to Remember

MARCH

- 29 Good Friday.** Office closed on Thursday, March 28. Collections will not be delayed.



APRIL

- 1** Yard waste season begins the week of April 1, 2013 and will continue through the end of November. Please follow guidelines on page 3 of this newsletter.

- 13 Recycle Rama,** See page 7 for details.



- 22 Earth Day**



MAY

- 27 Memorial Day.** Office closed. Collections the week of the 28th will be delayed one day.

JUNE

Normal collection schedule.



JULY

- 4 Independence Day.** Office closed. Collections will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.



AUGUST

Normal collection schedule.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day.** Office closed. Collections the week of the 1st will be delayed one day.



The seasonal collection of leaves, grass and other organic yard waste will begin the week of April 1, 2013, and will continue through the end of November.



Creating Community Through People Parks And Programs.

Summer is coming and Lansing Parks and Recreation is gearing up for our Kids Camp and Wildcat Baseball Programs! Registration is going on now for baseball and begins in April for all other fun recreational activities, including camp! No matter what the season, Lansing Parks and Recreation is working hard to create...



Scan this QR Code with your smart phone for a digital copy of the Activity Guide

Your Community.

For more information please call 517.483.4277 or visit our website www.lansingmi.gov/parks



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Recycling News & Community Events

It's time to empty out the junk drawers and

RECYCLE YOUR CELL PHONES!

According to Earth 911:

- Every year, upgrades or damage makes 100 million cell phones obsolete.
- Up to 75 percent of obsolete phones are stockpiled in drawers, including the battery and charger.
- Cell phone coatings are often made of lead, and their lithium-ion batteries can explode if exposed to high temperatures or direct sunlight, which are common conditions in landfills.



Bring your unwanted phones to the following locations:

Foster Community Center
200 N. Foster St.

Gier Community Center
2400 Hall St.

Letts Community Center
1220 W. Kalamazoo St.

South Side Community Center
5815 Wise Rd.

Fenner Nature Center
2020 E. Mt. Hope



Planning to Fertilize Your Lawn?

Because phosphorus runoff can have negative effects on water quality, the Michigan Fertilizer Law restricts the use of phosphorus fertilizers on residential lawns. If you are going to apply a fertilizer, look for those with zero phosphorus in them. On the package of fertilizer is a row of three numbers, the middle number refers to the amount of phosphate and should say "0". Here are some other tips to consider:

- Fertilizer cannot be applied to soil saturated with water.
- Any fertilizer released onto a hard surface, such as a sidewalk or driveway, must be cleaned up promptly. Fertilizer and grass clippings left on streets and sidewalks can be a major contributor to phosphorus loads in lakes and rivers.
- Maintain at least a 15' application buffer from surface water (lake, river, stream)

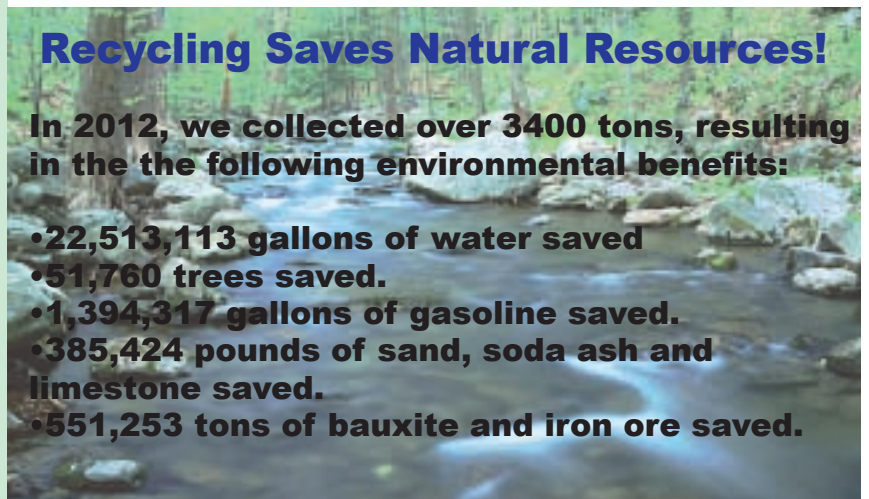
This information provided by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

HELP KEEP CATCH BASINS CLEAR - REMOVE DIRT, LEAVES AND OTHER DEBRIS PERIODICALLY

Recycling Saves Natural Resources!

In 2012, we collected over 3400 tons, resulting in the the following environmental benefits:

- **22,513,113 gallons of water saved**
- **51,760 trees saved.**
- **1,394,317 gallons of gasoline saved.**
- **385,424 pounds of sand, soda ash and limestone saved.**
- **551,253 tons of bauxite and iron ore saved.**



TRAFFIC MUST
ENTER FROM
NORTHBOUND
CEDAR ST.

Recycle Rama



SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013, 9AM-2PM

INGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPT, 5303 S. CEDAR, LANSING

All Items Free to Drop Off! Donations Accepted, Not Expected

ITEMS ACCEPTED: BRING ONLY ITEMS LISTED HERE!

Electronics: Computers (all types), computer accessories (keyboards, scanners, printers, etc.), televisions (all sizes), stereos/speakers, microwaves, copy machines, CD/DVD players, VCR's, telephones (land lines and cell phones), coffee makers, vacuum cleaners, toasters and other household items with a cord

Household batteries

Books: All types, including hard and soft cover, telephone books, etc.

Clothing and shoes: Any condition

Usable household items: (plates, silverware, pots, pans, and other items)

CD's and DVD's

Holiday Lights: Remove strands from boxes and other packaging

Unwanted medicine: Leave in original containers and cross out personal information

Appliances/Scrap metal

Bicycles

Dehumidifiers

Room air conditioners

#1-#7 plastics: Includes garden plastic pots and trays (shake off dirt and debris)

Glass jars, bottles and containers (including green glass)

Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFL's) & Fluorescent Tubes (limit 10/vehicle)

Mercury thermostats: Leave intact

Mercury thermometers: Place in ziplock bag

Used household fats, cooking oil, and grease

Polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) - No packing peanuts

Fabrics/Yarn: Fabrics in usable condition only - 1/4 yard or larger. Full skeins of yarn only.

BWL residential electric customers that recycle a working room air-conditioner or dehumidifier will receive a \$25.00 rebate under the Hometown Energy Savers Program.

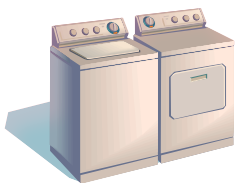
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Operations and Maintenance Division
Capital Area Recycling and Trash**
601 East South Street
Lansing, Michigan 48910

To Our Friends At:

**CART HOTLINE
517.483.4400**

Find us online at: www.lansingrecycles.com
or email us at: recycle@lansingmi.gov

Recycling, it's CARTagious!



*Please Recycle
This Newsletter*



**The seasonal
collection of leaves,
grass clippings and
other yard waste
will start the week
of April 1, 2013.
Please do not rake
yard waste into
street.**

See page 4 for
information about
our convenient,
weekly trash service.
Affordable, weekly trash
collection services
available. Sign up
today!



*Look inside for
information about curbside recycling,
trash and yard waste collection.*

**New
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